



SCHOOLS DOOMED

Lower Branches Must Be Closed Because Millions Are Wasted on Technical and Other Fads.

Spring Campaign Is Now Fully Under Way With Candidates for Every Place in the Running.

General Gossip from Municipal, County, State, Sanitary and Other Political Fields of Public Interest Up to Date.

What the Leaders in the Wards Are Doing for Their Country, for Themselves and for Their Friends.

The non-responsible, non-elective Board of Education has been building Lane Techs and Crane Techs and other "Techs" for the teaching of fads, foreign languages and "trades" to Japs, cigarette smokers and others, at the expense of millions of dollars. Poor little children are denied the rudiments of an education that these costly fad schools may be maintained. Now the Legislature is to be asked to give this Board permission to tax Chicago people \$1,500,000 more to keep them up.

The erection of great technical training schools at a cost of millions of dollars and the maintenance of other fads, is cutting into the funds given by the people for a common school education for children. Enormous salaries are alleged to be paid to the secretary of the board and others.

The Board of Education overlooking the enormous expenditure for big fad schools, sees the awful alternative ahead of it of having to close the common schools in May.

There is to be an investigation of various departments by the Board itself, in an effort to retrench.

The following are some of the departments that will be investigated: General counsel's office.

District superintendents. Telephone operators. Chief clerks and stenographers. Principals and teachers. Engineers and firemen.

The five men on the committee will make the investigation personally and do not expect to hire any outside experts or make a survey of the system. Daily meetings have been planned, the first one this afternoon.

That employees of the board will have little to say in the investigation was shown when serious opposition arose to the plan to appoint Supt. Ella Flagg Young, Secretary L. E. Larson, and Attorney A. R. Shannon as advisory members of the committee. Mr. Rothmann was the first to object.

"I see no reason why those three should be included on the committee," he said. "If the board needs their assistance it has ample power to call them in. I can't see why we should always be asking our subordinates what we should do."

It was rumored that Richard S. Folsom, general counsel, would be among the first to be called in by the committee. Mr. Folsom is paid \$7,500 and has a clerk at \$1,800. His position has been termed a "political plum."

It is said that there are plans to recommend that many of the old men and women in the system be asked to retire and go on pensions. This movement may strike district superintendents, principals, teachers, and engineers. The raises in salary paid to nearly every group of teachers last year are said to be in jeopardy, and the amount of the automatic raises of teachers may be cut down.

"We are deadly in earnest," said Mr. Loeb. "We find ourselves facing a deficit of considerably more than \$1,000,000. We know that there is a lot of waste and inefficiency and the pay rolls are unduly heavy. We intend to see that every employee of the board works for all that he is paid. We intend to see merit and not 'pull' prevail. Some of the salaries on the board are laughable.

"We believe that certain practices

exist which are unfair to all. We expect to recommend different ones. We feel that some of the employees with large salaries are not doing any work. We are going to put them to work, or else ask them to resign.

"We are going to work at once, and expect to spend many hours in the board offices. I haven't an enemy in the employ of the board, nor a friend. I shall work with absolutely no strings attached, and I believe every other member of the committee will do likewise."

The Switzer managers in the Democratic mayoralty campaign announce that real estate men of all parties have rallied to the Switzer cause and organized the Robert M. Switzer Non-partisan Real Estate Club. A postal card membership system has been started, and on the cards it is pointed out why the real estate men have pinned their faith to Mr. Switzer. It reads like this:

The success achieved by Robert M. Switzer in his business career as general salesman for the John V. Farwell Company, the splendid record made by him as County Clerk, his unusual executive ability and his appreciation of the needs of the city of Chicago have convinced us that his election as Mayor of Chicago will be for its best interests and that it is the duty of all citizens having the interest of Chicago at heart to support him for office irrespective of partisanship."

NO DOUBLE PLATOON

Chicago Firemen Are Almost Unanimously Against the Proposition to Install System in Chicago.

Will Upset the Men, Destroy Discipline and Impair the Efficiency of the Fire Department.

Members of the Chicago Fire Department have issued an appeal to the voters setting forth the following facts against the proposed two platoon system:

Present Three-Day-Off System in the Chicago Fire Department:

1. Twenty-four hours off every third day.
 2. Two meals on each of the two days between offs.
 3. Privilege of trading offs and getting forty-eight or seventy-two hours at one time.
 4. Full pay when sick or injured for one year.
 5. 15 days vacation with full pay every year.
 6. Special time off with full pay when serious sickness or death occurs to immediate members of fireman's family.
 7. Three days off with full pay when being married.
 8. Truckmen, Pipemen and Drivers receive salary of \$1371.00 per year.
 9. There is more harmony and good feeling in the present system than there ever was in any other system of offs.
- Harmony and good feeling means Efficiency.
- The Two Platoon System:
Members of the Fire Department

shall work ten hours a day, and four-teen hours at night.

Shift changing every one or two weeks from night to day or at the discretion of the Chief of Fire Department.

No provisions are made for sick benefits.

No provisions are made for fifteen day furloughs.

No provisions are made for twenty-four hour offs in the entire year.

No provisions are made for salaries remaining the same.

No special leave of absence in case of death, sickness or any unforeseen

crews that they appealed to the Chief of the Chicago Fire Department on the 17th day of February to grant them an additional 24 hours off every seventh day. A good practical reason why you should vote NO on the two platoon.

The installation will cost about one million dollars per year in addition to the present cost of maintenance of the Fire Department and thereby increases your taxes.

A petition has been signed by a majority of the firemen against the installation of this system.

Spokane, Wash., tried the two platoon system for about eight months and were glad to go back to their old plan of twenty-four hours off in every five days, a system not nearly as good as Chicago has at the present time.

The firemen would like to have you investigate these conditions Mr. Voter, and we know that after you have done so you will oppose this system that will throw the Fire Department of Chicago back forty years.

Judge Jacob H. Hopkins will be sustained by the entire community in the stand he has taken in the Morals Court against the official beguiling of unfortunate women in order to secure their punishment. This method of procedure is contemptible, in the opinion of most people. The way of the transgressor is hard enough without having jobs put up on them by the city authorities.

Milton J. Foreman, corporation lawyer and ex-alderman, with a roll, who is Colonel of the First Cavalry, should not be given Lincoln Park—the people's park, for his cavalry armory and stables. Better disband the First Cavalry if a public playground has to be spoiled in order to keep it.

County Judge Scully announced his determination to punish all who interfere with election officials, when attorneys employed by the five policemen accused of such interference on primary day appeared to ask a continuance of their clients' cases.

"I want it understood that this court looks upon these charges as a serious matter and will carry it to a finish," said the judge.

The five defendants are John Murphy, John J. Sullivan, W. Olson, Lambert Hoeman and William P. Deneen, who as members of State's Attorney Hoynes' primary fraud squad caused the arrest of Ben Barnett, a watcher

SWEITZER'S RACE

John McGillen, the Veteran Democratic Leader, Sees Victory for Democratic Nominee by Immense Majority.

General Political Gossip About the Mayoralty and the Other Places to be Filled Next Spring.

Latest Items of Interest from All the Camps About Candidates and Their Prospects in the Spring Election.

Mayoralty Fight Is Getting Hotter as the Time for Settling the Battle Draws Closer to Hand.

John McGillen, who was chairman of the regular Democratic organization for many years, and whose ability as a leader has been demonstrated in many a successful campaign, predicts Robert M. Switzer's election as Mayor by a majority of anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000. Mr. McGillen believes it to be simply a question of majority. He bases his prediction upon these points:

1. The eminent fitness for the office of the Democratic candidate.
2. Switzer's great personal popularity.
3. The harmony prevailing in the

and at headquarters resolutions were given out which were adopted by the Chicago Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers' Union's joint council. The resolutions were submitted to Candidate Switzer not only by the joint council, but, in addition, by twelve of the local unions of teamsters. Here is the language of the resolution, which the Switzer managers declare sets at rest the union labor issue relative to Mr. Switzer:

"Whereas, Robert M. Switzer is a candidate on the Democratic ticket for Mayor of the city of Chicago and is entitled to the full support of organized labor, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the Chicago Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers' Union, through our locals and legislative committee, do hereby endorse and support his candidacy for Mayor of Chicago. Be it further

"Resolved, That the locals of the Chicago Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers' Union of Chicago and vicinity do all in their power for him and recommend to all labor organizations his election."

The resolutions are signed by John B. Casey, secretary, and the legislative committee members, E. J. Mullins, Joe Doyle, J. J. Cassidy, Thomas Conley, Thomas O'Connor, J. Shanahan and J. E. Casey.

The local unions referred to are the ice wagon drivers, coal teamsters, truck drivers, express drivers, stone, lime and cement teamsters, lumber teamsters, baggage and parcel delivery drivers, sanitary teamsters, excavating teamsters, general teamsters, brick, sand and terra cotta teamsters and roofing teamsters. Among other unions that have endorsed Mr. Switzer are horseshoers and hod carriers and building laborers.

LOWDEN IN THE FIELD

Popular Congressman Announces His Candidacy for the Republican Nomination for Governor Next Year.

State Politics Commencing to Warm Up as Candidates for the Various Positions Announce Themselves.

Colonel Frank O. Lowden's supporters throughout the state are very active in their activities, and the next week or two is expected to bring action from several downstate county organizations endorsing Mr. Lowden, and urging him to announce himself. The Republican committees of Lee and Stephenson counties have taken such action within the last four or five days, and this week all other counties in the thirteenth congressional district, in which Colonel Lowden lives and which he formerly represented in Congress, are scheduled to follow suit.

Col. Frank L. Smith is already in the field.

Representative Randolph Boyd of Galva, who is serving his second term in the lower house in Springfield, has announced himself as a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket. Boyd was one of the members of the house who held out to the end for a

"dry" speaker in the recent speaker-ship fight.

Other candidates are said to be on the verge of announcing themselves. Andrew Russell of Jacksonville, state treasurer, is reported to be making a quiet preliminary canvass. Peter M. Hoffman, coroner of Cook County, likewise is expected to announce his candidacy shortly.

On the Democratic side, gubernatorial politics gives signs of starting. Congressman William Elza Williams of Pittsfield is looking over the field as a possible rival against Governor Dunne. Charles Boeschstein of Edwardsville, national committeeman, is being quietly wooed by friends and so is Attorney General P. J. Lucey.

German-American Democrats, including nearly all those who supported Mayor Harrison, are making a campaign for Mr. Switzer independent of that conducted by the general committee. Their executive committee is headed by Joseph Hopp as president, and John Buringer as secretary. They will raise their own campaign funds through a committee, of which Henry P. Runkle is chairman. He has as associates Joseph Meyer, William Legner, John Trebes, J. H. Schneider, Frank Trenkhorst, Fred C. Ewert, Joseph Hopp, August Pfaff, Oscar Meyer, John E. Traeger, Dr. Maximilian Herzog, Michael Zimmer, Ernst Hummel, August Lueders, Simon Fish, Harry Waldering, Peter Ellert, Bernard Weber, William Frankel, Jacob M. Loeb and Rudolph Seifert.

Complaints have reached Postmaster D. A. Campbell to the effect that merchants in various parts of the city refuse to abide by the recent ruling against the placing of advertising literature in private mail boxes in flat buildings.

Mr. Campbell said he had asked the Attorney General for instructions as to how to proceed against the violators. He also has notified all persons known to be persistently violating the rule that they are liable to prosecution.

"I have had many complaints," said Mr. Campbell, "and expect in a few days to receive instructions from Washington concerning what manner of procedure I shall take to punish the offenders."

Italian-Americans who supported Harrison at the primaries under the name of the Italian-American Cook County Democratic Organization have endorsed Switzer for mayor. Resolutions were adopted and signed by W. Navigato, Anthony Fortunello, Antonio Ferrari, Louis Palisse, Salvatore Romanelli, Carlo Maggio, Antonio Bellano and Nicholas Waggis, members of the executive committee.

William Hale Thompson in a speech on "The Needs of Chicago" at the regular weekly luncheon of the Cook County Real Estate Board at the Hotel Sherman Tuesday said the most important needs of the city were a better transportation system, a police department divorced from politics and a rejuvenated school system, also free from politics.

"What Chicago needs is a rerouting of its surface cars," said Mr. Thomp-



JOHN MCGILLEN,
Democratic Leader, Who Predicts Switzer's Election by a Big Majority.

occurrences, because only enough men are provided for to run the system.

A man will never be off in the true sense of being off, because they will have to keep track of the operations of the Fire Department, and report on all big fires that their company goes to.

In compliance with an order of the Federal authorities the two platoon was installed on the five fire boats on the 20th day of December, it then made life so monotonous for the

in the sixth precinct of the First ward. "The court did not like the grandstand play which was made by those representing the city in this matter at last Saturday's hearing, when demand was made to have Barnett placed upon the stand," said the judge. "This is not the only case, and the others will be started soon."

The Douglas Hebrew Citizens' Club has endorsed Robert M. Switzer for mayor.

Democratic ranks—all factions united and the party presenting a solid front to the enemy.

4. The discord and lack of harmony in the Republican ranks.

5. The enormous registration, which is acknowledged everywhere to be favorable to the Democrats.

Robert M. Switzer's election is predicted by his campaign managers by a majority of 100,000 votes. Union labor is reported to be solidly with him.